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2201 "C" Street., N.W.
Washington D.C., 20520

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is assigned to
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The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

FROM: [redacted] B6

RE: TAPE RECORDED DURING MASS SUICIDE IN GUYANA PLAYED BY N.B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY DMart DATE 2/26/81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

Very truly yours,

Phil Sharp

H. Merchanthouse M.C.
10th District, Indiana

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4-12-79 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

NAME: [redacted] B6

ADDRESS: [redacted]

SUMMARY OF PROBLEM: [redacted] B6

called my office and stated that NBC had played a tape that was recorded during the suicide at Guyana (Jonestown). He said the U.S. Government had the original tape and he wants to know if NBC now actually has possession of this tape and if so why? He says that NBC played this tape on TV all day the 15th or 16th of March. He is not sure of the exact date. Thinks it was first played that day on the "Today Show". He explains that the family of [redacted] has never had an opportunity to hear this tape and feels that if the government has permitted NBC to have it then the family should be permitted to have a copy. Is there an explanation? B6

- Please advise.

Thank you.

Please send written reply to:

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